

hope you come up with another system. I hope maybe you broaden the tax base and you don't need to have a penny increase. I hope maybe you pass some other things. But I'll tell you this, if you do this, you've laid it in place now and those who would be opposing any increase in sales tax will for the first time get interested and come up with other solutions. You might have people that pooh-poohed and laughed about Senator Remmers and Senator Sieck's income tax plan or that thing. Beside, this isn't too bad an idea. Maybe we've got to come up with some other ways. Maybe we do need to broaden the tax base. The burden and pressure will be on them because if they don't, come January 1, '87, it goes into place and you start raising the money. But I guess most important to me and I think to those people that have worked on this so long you're changing the financing system for education. You're recognizing we've got to do something about it and you're doing it in such a way that you do directly relieve property tax. I believe whatever the bill is on school financing that has the lid in it, I believe that one is going to pass and I believe something like that will be laid in place before this ever goes into effect. Now I know we're short about five or six senators, but I would repeat my argument to you and that argument is simple. If you're against the bill, whether you're John DeCamp or Senator Scofield or Senator Lamb, I think this bill is going to pass. Now don't you really? Don't you really believe it's going to pass? Why not accomplish something with it then? Why not ease the hurt that some of us think we're going to suffer by doing the thing we've never been able to get done? Restructure the financing of education. This is your opportunity. As I say, I'm hoping Senator Warner will vote for it although I'm not overly optimistic, but we put the financing mechanism right in the bill. You can read it. The amendment is being handed out. If you don't do something like that, you're not going to address the problem. We've just got too much history on our side to show that unless we're forced to do it somehow, unless we put it all together, we'll undo it later. When did we finally move in to address the issue, the issue of farm land valuations? We did it when we finally got a Supreme Court decision boxed us in and some of us had to create the decision, but there wasn't a member of the body didn't know it had to be dealt with. Wasn't a member that was familiar with that issue didn't know. When did it finally happen despite all the promises to the contrary and all the promises of the Revenue Department and Governors and